

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A graphical user interface ~~between a user of a computer service and the computer service, that enables a user to access an instant messaging service,~~ the graphical user interface comprising:

a window that includes:

a ~~contacts~~ list [(of)] listing one or more other users of the ~~computer instant~~ messaging service selected by the user as significant to the user; ~~user, the contacts list being configured to make online presence information for the other users perceivable to the user;~~ and

an icon associated with one of the other listed users indicating that a ~~communication an email message~~ has ~~occurred~~ been exchanged between the user and the other user.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the icon is displayed only if the user selects a representation of the other user in the contacts list of other users.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously presented) The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the icon indicates that an unread email message has been exchanged between the user and the other user.

6. (Previously presented) The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the icon indicates the number of unread email messages that have been exchanged between the user and the other user.

7. (Previously presented) The graphical user interface of claim 5, wherein the icon, when selected by the user, opens or activates an application to read the email message.

8. (Previously presented) The graphical user interface of claim 6, wherein the icon, when selected by the user, opens or activates an application listing multiple email messages exchanged between the user and the other user.

9-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

providing ~~a computer service~~ an instant messaging system to a user;

displaying to the user of the ~~computer instant messaging service~~ a graphical user interface that enables the user to access the instant messaging service, the graphical user interface comprising a window that includes a contacts list [[of]] listing one or more other users of the computer instant messaging service selected by the user as significant to the user; the contacts list being configured to make online presence information for the other users perceivable to the user and to enable the user to initiate communication sessions with the other users; and

displaying an icon associated with one of the other users in the contacts list indicating that ~~a communication~~ an email message has occurred been exchanged between the user and the other user.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising displaying the icon when the user scrolls over a representation of the other user in the contacts list of other users.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the icon indicates that an unread email message has been exchanged between the user and the other user.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the icon indicates the number of unread email messages that have been exchanged between the user and the other user.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising displaying the email message in response [[the]] to selection of the icon by the user.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising displaying a list of multiple email messages exchanged between the user and the other user in response [[the]] to selection of the icon by the user.

22-26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the window further comprises a calendar icon associated with a particular one of the other listed users indicating that a calendar event has been scheduled that involves both the user and the particular other user and enabling determination by the user that the calendar event involves the particular other user.

28. (New) The method of claim 14 further comprising displaying an icon associated with a particular one of the other users in the contacts list indicating that a calendar event has been scheduled that involves both the user and the particular other user and enabling determination by the user that the calendar event involves the particular other user.

29. (New) A graphical user interface that enables a user to access an instant messaging service, the graphical user interface comprising:

a window that includes:

a contacts list listing one or more other users of the instant messaging service selected by the user as significant to the user, the contacts list being configured to make online presence information for the other users perceivable to the user; and

an icon associated with one of the other listed users indicating that a calendar event has been scheduled that involves both the user and the other user and enabling determination by the user that the calendar event involves the other user.

30. (New) The graphical user interface of claim 29, wherein the icon, when selected by the user, opens or activates an application to view the calendar event.

31. (New) A method comprising:

providing an instant messaging system to a user;

displaying to the user of the instant messaging service a graphical user interface that enables the user to access the instant messaging service, the graphical user interface comprising a window that includes a contacts list listing one or more other users of the instant messaging service selected by the user as significant to the user, the contacts list being configured to make online presence information for the other users perceivable to the user and to enable the user to initiate communication sessions with the other users; and

displaying an icon associated with one of the other users in the contacts list indicating that a calendar event has been scheduled that involves both the user and the other user and enabling determination by the user that the calendar event involves the other user.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, further comprising displaying the calendar event in response to selection of the icon by the user.